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BEIJING PASS CHENGDU

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARAGRAPHS FOUR AND FIVE OMITTED
IN ORIGINAL TRANSMISSION)

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TAGS: OPRC, CH, US

SUBJECT: TFCN81: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT
TODAY, JUNE 3, FROM HIS RESIDENCE IN KENNEBUNKPORT,
MAINE.

2. BEGIN STATEMENT. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE CHINESE
GOVERNMENT HAS CHOSEN TO USE FORCE AGAINST CHINESE
CITIZENS WHO WERE MAKING A PEACEFUL STATEMENT IN FAVOR
OF DEMOCRACY. I DEEPLY DEPLORE THE DECISION TO USE
FORCE AGAINST PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATORS AND THE CONSEQUENT
LOSS OF LIFE. WE HAVE BEEN URGING AND CONTINUE TO URGE
NON-VIOLENCE, RESTRAINT, AND DIALOGUE. TRAGICALLY
ANOTHER COURSE HAS BEEN CHOSEN. AGAIN I URGE A RETURN
TO NON-VIOLENT MEANS FOR DEALING WITH THE CURRENT
SITUATION.

3. THE UNITED STATES AND PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,
OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES, HAVE BUILT UP THROUGH GREAT
EFFORTS BY BOTH SIDES A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP
BENEFICIAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES. I HOPE THAT CHINA WILL
RAPIDLY RETURN TO THE PATH OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
REFORM AND CONDITIONS OF STABILITY SO THAT THIS
RELATIONSHIP, SO IMPORTANT TO BOTH OUR PEOPLES, CAN
CONTINUE ITS GROWTH. END STATEMENT.

4. FOLLOWING IS DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED
JUNE 3:

--I REFER YOU TO THE POINTS THE SECRETARY MADE IN HIS
INTERVIEW TODAY.

--EVENTS IN BEIJING APPEAR TO HAVE TAKEN AN UGLY AND
CHAOTIC TURN. AS THE SECRETARY SAID, IT WOULD BE
UNFORTUNATE IF THE CHINESE ARMY WERE USED TO SUPPRESS

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THE CHINESE PEOPLE. REPORTS OF DEATHS AND CASUALTIES
ARE ALARMING IN THIS RESPECT.

--THE ADMINISTRATION FINDS THESE DEVELOPMENTS
DISTURBING, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FIND THEM DISTURBING.

--THIS IS A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE US GOVERNMENT.

--OUR COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH, EXPRESSION, AND
ASSOCIATION IS WELL-KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

--THE US GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED ITS VIEWS TO THE
CHINESE LEADERSHIP AND URGED RESTRAINT. UNDER SECRETARY
KIMMEL CALLED IN THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR THIS AFTERNOON
TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AND URGE RESTRAINT.

--OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS THE DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN
PEACEFUL AND BOTH SIDES HAVE EXERCISED RESTRAINT. WE
HOPE THERE IS A RETURN TO RESTRAINT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

--THE U.S. HAS HAD A TRAVEL WARNING IN EFFECT SINCE MAY
19 ADVISING AGAINST TRAVEL TO CHINA UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE. THAT ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT. AMERICANS IN
BEIJING HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO STAY AWAY FROM TIANANMEN
SQUARE AND OTHER POTENTIAL AREAS OF CONFLICT.

--(IF ASKED) I AM NOT PREPARED TO SPECULATE AT THIS
EARLY STAGE ABOUT POLICY MEASURES WHICH MIGHT OR MIGHT
NOT BE TAKEN IN REACTION TO THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

5. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. BAKER

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